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LIEUT.-COL. G. M. J. MOORE, C.I.E., SECRET No. 2647 M

President, Municipal Commission.

From

To

The Secretary to Government,

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SIR,

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missioners held on 23rd March and 26th April 1897.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. M. J. Moore Lt. Col.

President, Munl. Commn.

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government
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M.R.Ry. V. C. Desika Chariyar Avargal.

Interpellation.

THE PRESIDENT :—There are some questions put by Dr. Varadappa Naidu, but in view of the resolution of which Mr. Pragasa Mudaliar has given notice, I do not propose to answer them, until the question of interpellation is finally decided. Unfortunately he is not here and he wrote to say that he is not coming here to-day. Before proceeding to the business of the meeting, I wish to place before you a few plague statistics, but I wish it to be understood that I do not give these facts in answer to the question put by Dr. Varadappa Naidu on the subject. Up to the present there has been 1,191 arrivals in Madras from plague-stricken places and the Municipality has expended Rs. 6,289 in connection with the plague and the measures for its prevention. As regards hospital accommodation, we have Women and Children's hospital and the Regimental hospital ready, if it is unfortunately necessary for us to use them.

Water Supply Scheme.

THE PRESIDENT :—The first business is the Engineer's memo. W. W. No. 1618, dated 25th January 1897, recommending the expenditure of 6½ lakhs on the improvement of Water-supply.

SURGEON LT.-COL. WALKER :—Is there anything in the Municipal Act dealing with the interpellation?

THE PRESIDENT :—Nothing.

SURGEON LT.-COL. WALKER :—You are not bound to answer them.

THE PRESIDENT :—No. The Commissioners can put any question they like, but they cannot compel me to answer them.

MR. M. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY :—What is the origin of the practice?

THE PRESIDENT :—It is a resolution of the Commissioners saying that they have a right to interpellation. But you cannot do anything beyond the Act.

THE HON'BLE MR. P. RUNGIAH NAIDU :—I do not think the President has been in the habit of declining to answer question.

With the consent of the meeting the resolution was withdrawn.

The Retiring Revenue Officer.

THE HON'BLE MR. P. RUNGIAH NAIDU :—I beg to propose "that the Commissioners resolve to place on record their high appreciation of the valuable services of Dewan Bahadur P. Ramasami Chettiar during a period extending over 28 years as Assistant to the President, Assessor, Assessor and Collector, Vice-President, Acting President, and Revenue Officer of the Municipality." Mr. Ramasami Chettiar entered the service of the Municipality in 1869 as Assistant to the President, then he was made Assessor, then Assessor and Collector, then Vice-President and subsequently he acted as President. Thus in various capacities he has served the Municipality faithfully and satisfactorily for the last 28 years and it is only fit and proper that on the eve of his retirement we should express our opinion about his services.

MR. V. C. DESIKACHARIAR :—I have great pleasure in seconding that proposition and in doing so I wish to make a few remarks. Though I have not been connected with the Municipality for a long time, yet I have had ample opportunities outside the Municipal council of knowing something about the work of Mr. Ramasami Chettiar. I can say without fear of contradiction that there will not be many in the office who will not deplore his severance with the Municipality. The ways of Government are, like the ways of Providence, inscrutable. Many of us in this assembly could not see why his connection has been severed except for the fact that he had completed his fifty-fifth year. Mr. Ramasami Chettiar has enough energy and physical strength in him to be able to serve for ten years more and certainly his intellect is not impaired. It is a matter for regret that the Government has thought fit to deprive the Municipality of the valuable services of a very old and experienced servant. Looking at the matter from an economical point of view, I think the Municipality is by no means a gainer. We have to give to Mr. Ramasami Chettiar—not that I grudge it—Rs. 400 by way of pension and we have to pay Rs. 350 or Rs. 400 to our Revenue Officer to start with, not to speak of the increments which he will eventually get. Thus it will be seen that it will be a loss to the Municipality. A man should be compelled to retire only when he is unfit to serve, but in the present instance I do not think that anybody can say that Mr. Ramasami Chettiar is either physically or mentally unfit to discharge his duties, at any rate, for ten years more. We would be simply doing the barest justice to him if we pass the resolution of Mr. Rungiah Naidu.

MR. J. DECASER :—I would strongly support the resolution. His services have been very valuable to us and it is only in the fitness of things that on occasions of this kind when he is on the point of retirement, the Commissioners who know him and who have appreciated his services should record a resolution expressing the high sense of the services rendered by Mr. Ramasami Chettiar, during his term of office in the Municipality. I may also add that a resolution of this kind should be passed unanimately, and nothing should be said in the way of marring it in any way.

THE PRESIDENT :—I do not think there is any necessity to put this resolution to the meeting. There can only be one opinion with regard to the services rendered to the Municipality by the Revenue Officer. I quite agree with Mr. DeCaster that it should be carried unanimously. I would therefore record that this resolution is carried unanimously.

The meeting then terminated.

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Election of Members to the Standing Committee.

THE PRESIDENT :—Gentlemen, the first business before the meeting is the election of members to the Standing Committee.

The Commissioners having proceeded to elect by ballot seven members of the Standing Committee, the following gentlemen were elected and obtained the number of votes opposite their names :—

	Votes.
M. R. Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu ...	19
M. R. Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal ...	19
M. R. Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu ...	19
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MR. N. SUBRAMANIAM :—I would strongly support the proposition brought forward by Mr. Pragasa Mudaliar and I will only say that his name be added to the Committee.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR :—I am not quite sure whether I will be here.

MR. N. SUBRAMANIAM :—Never mind that. If you are here you will attend.

THE PRESIDENT :—Gentlemen, It is not from any wish to stop interpellation, but simply with the view that we may act legally, I refused to answer the questions at the last meeting. With due deference to lawyers and notwithstanding the support of Mr. N. Subramaniam, I cannot agree in the legality of the Commissioners having the right of interpellation. The Commissioners must have the right of interpellation absolutely or not at all. If they have the right of interpellation, it means they have a right to put questions and to receive answers. I maintain there is nothing in the Act that compels me to give an answer to any question. The Commissioners may exercise the power of putting the questions under Section 61, but that is not interpellation, for they can only bring to my notice things mentioned in that Section. But they cannot compel me to answer them. The Act does not provide for the right of interpellation. Therefore under Section 413 you cannot frame bye-laws. Mind you, I am not in the slightest degree interested in putting a stop to the interpellation. But if the Committee should frame bye-laws they will be illegal. I have gone into the question very carefully and I do not agree with the Solicitors. Restricted interpellation is no interpellation at all. Under the Act any Commissioner may put any question he likes, but he cannot expect an answer. With reference to certain questions received in last October I referred the matter to the lawyers. Under the Act any Commissioner has a right to put questions, but he has no right to expect an answer. That is not the right of interpellation. Evidently this was not the case in the Districts, and therefore the Government put a new clause in the bill as to interpellation. No resolution of the Commissioners is legal unless it is consistent with the Act. I may be wrong in my view. I go with the lawyers so far as Section 61 is concerned. But I say that is not the right of interpellation.

MR. M. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY :—Why should we not refer the question to the Advocate-General?

THE PRESIDENT :—I think the whole thing must be referred to Government. It would be no use if the Government should decline to sanction the bye-laws after they are framed by the Committee.

THE HON'BLE MR. P. RUNGIAH NAIDU :—If the Government says we have not got the power we may ask them to give it to us.

THE PRESIDENT :—Yes, just as it has done in the case of the Districts. With reference to District Municipalities, it was ruled that they had no power of interpellation and therefore they introduced a new Section. I say there is nothing whatever in the Act that gives the Commissioners the right of interpellation.

It was proposed by Mr. Venkataramiah Chetty and seconded by Rao Bahadur C. Kalyanasundaram Chettyar

“That this resolution be adjourned pending a reference to Government as to the general question of interpellation.”

MR. N. SUBRAMANIAM :—I wish to say one word by way of explanation. When I supported Mr. Pragasa Mudaliar's resolution I did not commit myself to either side. I had considerable doubt, and thought that that was one of the questions the Committee would have had to consider. If the power of interpellation is restricted, it would be much better as it has been greatly abused.

MR. J. DECASTER :—From what fell from the President, it is very clear that we have only to ask the Government to amend the Act so as to permit of interpellation just as it was done in the case of District Municipalities.

The amendment was put to the vote and carried.

An Over-Bridge.

THE PRESIDENT :—The next business is the consideration of the letter from the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, dated 17th March 1897, No. E. 327/2940, re the construction of a wooden foot over-bridge at the Elephant Gate crossing. The Agent did not approve of the

under-bridge. We knew it would be under water. The offer of the Railway Company is a very reasonable one; they say that an over-bridge can be constructed for Rs. 4,000 and that they would pay half the cost, erect and maintain the bridge, if the Municipality should consent to pay half the cost.

It was proposed by M. R. Ry. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu and seconded by M. R. Ry. P. Subramania Iyer Avargal and carried—

“That the offer of the Madras Railway Company to defray half the cost of erection and maintain an over-bridge be accepted with thanks.”

G. O. On the Budget.

THE PRESIDENT :—The next business is the G. O., dated 31st March 1897, No. 747 M., reviewing the Revised Estimate for 1896-97 and the Budget for 1897-98. You know they have cut out the increases to the market Superintendent and the unfortunate Maistry and the Canacapillais. I have not answered them yet.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY :—We have not put the case of Canacapillais properly.

THE PRESIDENT :—I will put it.

The G. O. was recorded.

The Tramways.

THE PRESIDENT :—The next business is my memorandum, dated 5th April 1897, on the remarks by the Attorneys to the Trustees for the Debenture-Holders, Madras Electric Tramways Company, on the resolution of the Commissioners, dated 30th November 1896. I had a letter to-day from Mr. Eardley Norton, which I will read to you. He writes as chairman of a meeting of the shareholders held at the Victoria Hall recently. He says :

“PARRY'S BUILDINGS,
24th April, 1897.

DEAR SIR :—At a meeting of Indian shareholders of the Electric Tramway Co., of Madras, held on the 17th instant, and over which I presided, it was resolved that I should address you with reference to a communication which it was said Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., had sent in to the Government of Madras, and which was forwarded by the Government to the Madras Municipality in connection with matters affecting the interests of the shareholders whom I to-day represent. If it be true that the Agents to the Trustees of the debenture-holders are urging the Municipality to assist them in securing rights over a proposed extension, I think you will agree with me that it is only fair to the shareholders, who so far have borne the heat and burthen of the day, that they should have an opportunity of studying Messrs. Arbuthnot's letter and of placing before the Commissioners such suggestions as they may consider necessary. On behalf, therefore, of the body with whom I am acting, I ask you to be so good as to lay this letter before the Commissioners whom I beg, through you, to postpone any final decision upon Messrs. Arbuthnot's application until the shareholders, for whom I am acting, shall have been furnished with a copy of Messrs. Arbuthnot's letter and an opportunity of replying thereto. I would conclude merely with this remark, that a crisis in our affairs has been reached, and that it would be as detrimental to future competitors in our local markets as to ourselves if the Commissioners did not permit us an opportunity of considering a question in which we are all so deeply concerned.

I am,
Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
EARDLEY NORTON,
Chairman.”

Col. G. M. J. MOORE, }
President,
Madras Municipality.

THE HON'BLE MR. P. RUNGIAH NAIDU :—The Trustees themselves ask us to defer this till the Company is re-constructed. They say it is inevitable to have the Company re-constructed and the affairs must pass from the hands of the present Directors to those of the new Directors in whom the shareholders can have confidence. Everything will collapse if we refuse to give them time. They say they cannot do anything because they are merely Trustees and they are waiting for the construction of the Company.

THE PRESIDENT:—That is my view. It is to the interest of the shareholders that the Commissioners should be as lenient as possible in any concession they may grant. The shareholders as represented by their chairman have not quite grappled with the position of affairs. They think that the Construction Company and the Trustees to the Debenture-holders are trying to get some rights which they have not got and they are not acting in the interest of the Tramway Company. But the extension will be given to the original Tramway Company. I don't think there is any harm in complying with Mr. Norton's request. If you think two months more are necessary, we can wait for the period. You may defer the consideration of this subject. Mr. Norton is going to communicate with the people at home and I will bring it up again when I hear from him.

The New-Town Market.

THE PRESIDENT: There is an application from C. Balakistna Mudali, dated 5th April 1897, for opening a new market in Naval Hospital Road. I consider this is one of the best markets in Madras. The Health-Officer inspected the place and considers the sanitary arrangements best, the market having been built in compliance with schedule regulations.

MR. R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—I beg to propose "that permission to open the market be granted."

In reply to Mr. M. Venkataramiah Chetty, the President pointed out that he had a number of petitions from the residents of that locality urging the necessity for that market.

SURGEON LT.-COL. WALKER:—I inspected the market 3 days ago. The new market is excellent in its arrangements and situation. I must say that in respect of the old market the best thing that could happen to it is that the new market should abolish it. It is very very insanitary, filthy, it has no proper drainage, everything soaks into the mud drain and the whole thing is insanitary and unhygienic.

MR. THEAGARAYA CHETTY:—From these remarks of Dr. Walker, all objections on sanitary grounds, will be of no avail.

The proposition was put to the vote and carried.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee.

THE PRESIDENT:—The next business is the Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 19th March and 2nd April.

MR. THEAGARAYA CHETTY:—With reference to 19th March there seems to be some mistake in regard to resolution No. 3.

It was decided to bring it up again. The proceedings were therefore recorded with the exception of the resolution No. 2-III. of 19th March, 1897.

The meeting then terminated.

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No. 1.

Engineer's memo. W.W. No. 1618, dated 25th January 1897, recommending the expenditure of 6½ lakhs on the improvement of Water-supply.
Deferred.

No. 2.

G.O., No. 209 M., dated 12th February 1897, approving, with remarks, the Commissioner's scheme for the drainage of Madras, and requesting to commence at once the drainage of Mylapore and to lay Pipe Sowers along Ice House Road and Sydenham's Road.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. P. Theagaraya Chetty Garu and seconded by M.B.Ry. R. Balakistnama Chetty Garu—

"In recording the G.O. No. 209 M., dated 12th February 1897, the Commissioners thank the Government for their final orders on the Drainage Scheme and earnestly request the Government will be pleased to pass early orders upon the proposals submitted to them by the Commissioners in their resolution, dated 8th July 1895, in view of raising the revenue to meet the outlay upon the new Drainage Scheme; and the Commissioners also request the Government to accord their sanction to undertake 'the High Level Iron Main' at first with an allotment of 12 lakhs to carry it out without delay."

Carried.

No. 3.

Memorandum from the Secretary to Government, No. 288, dated 10th March 1897, requesting to forward a copy of the resolution of the Commissioners in the matter of the proposed re-alignment of the Tramway.

Proposed by the Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu and seconded by Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel G. L. Walker—

"That the proposed re-alignment is approved off."
Carried.

No. 4.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 19th February and 5th March 1897.

Recorded.

No. 5.

M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal withdraws, with the consent of the Commissioners, the following resolution of which he had given notice:—

"That a Committee consisting of the President, Messrs. H. Ormerod, N. Subramaniam, P. Theagaraya Chetty, and the Hon. P. Rungiah Naidu be appointed for the purpose of framing and submitting, for the approval of the Commissioners, bye-laws and rules for regulating interpellations, at their General or Special Meetings."

No. 6.

The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu put the resolution of which he had given notice to the following effect:—

"That the Commissioners resolve to place on record their high appreciation of the valuable services of Dewan Bahadur P. Ramasawmy Chettiar during a period extending over 28 years as Assistant to the President, Assessor, Assessor and Collector, Vice-President, Acting President, and Revenue Officer of the Municipality."

M.R.Ry. V. C. Desika Chariyar Avargal seconded.

Carried unanimously.

The meeting terminated.

G. M. J. MOORE, Lieut.-Col.,
President, Municipal Commission.

Municipal Office, Madras,
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No. 1.

Election of Members of the Standing Committee.

The Commissioners having proceeded to elect by ballot seven members of the Standing Committee, the following gentlemen were elected and obtained the number of votes opposite their names:—

	Votes.
M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu ..	19
M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal ..	19
M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu ..	19
The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu ..	17
M.R.Ry. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Naidu Garu ..	15
Haji Mahomed Abdul Hadi Badsha Sahib ..	15
M.R.Ry. P. Subramania Iyer Avargal ..	15

No. 2.

M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal moved the resolution of which he had given notice to the following effect:—

"That a Committee consisting of the President, Messrs. H. Ormerod, N. Subrahmaniam, P. Theagaroya Chetty, R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar and the Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu be appointed for the purpose of framing and submitting for the approval of the Commissioners bye-laws and rules for regulating interpellations at their General or Special Meetings."

Haji Mahomed Abdul Hadi Badsha Sahib seconded.

To this as an amendment M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu proposed and M.R.Ry. Rao

Bahadur C. Kalyanasundaram Chettiar Avargal seconded—

"That this resolution be adjourned pending a reference to Government as to the general question of interpellation." Carried.

No. 3.

Letter from the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, dated 17th March 1897, No. E. 327/2940, re the construction of a wooden foot over-bridge at the Elephant Gate Crossing.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. P. Subramania Iyer Avargal—

"That the offer of the Madras Railway Company to defray half the cost of erection and maintain an over-bridge be accepted with thanks."

Carried.

No. 4.

G.O., dated 31st March 1897, No. 747 M., reviewing the Revised Estimate for 1896-97 and the Budget for 1897-98.

Recorded.

No. 5.

President's memorandum, dated 5th April 1897, on the remarks by the Attorneys to the Trustees for the Debenture Holders, Madras Electric Tramways Company, on the resolution of the Commissioners, dated 30th November 1896.

Deferred.

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No. 6.

Application from C. Balakistna Mudali, dated 5th April 1897, for opening a new Market in Naval Hospital Road.

Proposed by M.R. Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal and seconded by M.R. Ry. Rao Bahadur C. Kalyanasundaram Chettiar Avargal—

"That permission to open the market be granted."

Carried.

No. 7.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 19th March and 2nd April 1897.

Recorded with the exception of resolution No. 2-III of 19th March 1897.

The Meeting terminated.

G. M. J. MOORE, Lieut.-Col.,
President, Municipal Commission.

Municipal Office, Madras,
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